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Valdas V. Adamkus
Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
230 S. Dearborn
Chicago, IL 60604

U. S. EPA REGION 5
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Dear Mr. Adamkus,

I, along with Alderman James Laski, also Executive Director of the 23rd Ward Coalition for a Better Environment, and State Representative Elect James Phelan am writing this letter in regard to a chemical spill which recently happened in our district.

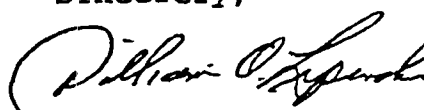
The chemical spill resulted when an apparently abandoned trailer, which was parked at approximately 5010 S. Menard, caught fire. Upon arriving to extinguish the fire, the fire department found that the trailer contained drums of unknown leaking fluid. Although no evacuation of the nearby residential community was required, the Environmental Protection Agency was notified and samples of the fluid were taken from the site of the chemical spill.

There can be absolutely no tolerance of this type of negligent behavior. It is incomprehensible how anyone could abandon a trailer, filled with potentially harmful chemicals, in the middle of a highly residential community. I, along with the co-signers of this letter respectfully request that a full scale investigation be conducted into this incident. That there is a chemical analysis of the fluids found at the site and a determined effort be made to find the culprit who was responsible for the trailer being in that location. Furthermore, we believe that the guilty party be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

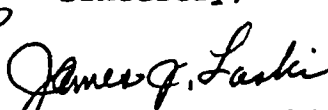
Please keep my office informed of the progress and results of the investigation.

As always, I remain,

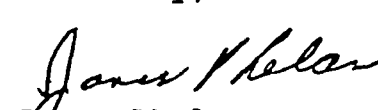
Sincerely,


William O. Lipinski
Member of Congress

Sincerely,


James J. Laski
Alderman

Sincerely,


James Phelan
State Rep. Elect